

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 5 and 12 are allowable. Minor amendments of a formal nature have been made to these claims.

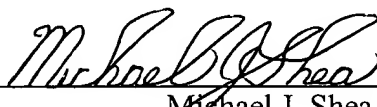
Applicant's representative wishes to thank Examiners Kelley and Wong for the courtesy extended during the telephone interview discussing the claims of the subject patent application. Applicant has adopted one of the approaches suggested by Examiners Kelley and Wong during this interview. Specifically, claims 14, 15, 20, 25 and 30 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 5 and 12. Modifications have been made to conform the language of the allowable subject matter to the language of the independent claims to which the allowable subject matter has been added.

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13, 16-18, 21-23, 26-28 and 31-33 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application(s) directed to, for example, the subject matter of these canceled claims and/or to the subject matter of claims 14, 15, 20, 25 and 30 prior to the present amendment.

Applicant believes the above amendments place this application in condition for allowance and favorable office action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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